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| Applicant | Gerhard Karl Strauch |
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| Title of Application: | Method and Device for Short-Term Thermal-Treatment of Flat Objects |
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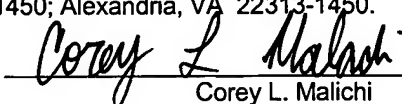
Response to Official Action

In response to the Official Action of November 16, 2005, Applicant herewith presents its amendment and remarks. Please amend the specification and claims as detailed below.

Applicant believes that no fee is due in connection with the filing of this Amendment. However, if any fee is due please charge Deposit Account No. 19-4516.

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